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GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA
WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION

The 25th July 2008

Subject – ‘Banishree’ - A Scheme of Scholarship for Students with Special Needs.

The State Government had notified Rules regarding Award of Scholarship to Orthopaedically Handicapped Students in 1971. Comprehensive set of rules to regulate Government of Orissa Scholarship for Physically Handicapped students were notified vide Resolution No.10793, dated the 1st November 1978 of C.D. & S.W. Department.

To facilitate coverage of all eligible cases under the scholarship scheme, the State Government has decided to simplify the procedure and also include the mentally challenged students who have not been covered till date.

The State Government, after careful consideration have been pleased to formulate an Integrated Scholarship Scheme titled, **BANISHREE–A Scheme of Scholarship for Students with Special Needs**. The Scheme will replace Government Resolution No.10793, dated the 1st November 1978 and amendment vide Resolution No.26318-H-II-C-37/2000-W.& C.D., dated the 28th December 2002.

The scheme shall come into effect from 01-04-2008. The details of the scheme and its guidelines are as follows:

GUIDELINES

- 1. Introduction**—The Scheme is called **Banishree – A Scheme of Scholarship for Students with special needs.**
- 2. Objectives of the Scheme**—The main purpose of the scholarship to the students with special needs is to assist and encourage them to study as well as acquire technical/professional/vocational training so as to enable them to earn a living and to become useful members of society.
- 3. Definitions**—For the purpose of the scheme, —
 - (a) “Children with special needs” means students with disabilities for the purpose of this scheme.
 - (b) “Disability” means any category of disability as defined in **Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995** and **National Trust Act, 1999**.
 - (c) “Educational Institution” means any recognized educational institution which includes recognized schools/special schools (registered under PWDs Act, 1995 and not covered in grant-in-aid scheme/rules)/colleges/ universities, and also includes technical/ vocational/ professional institutions.
 - (d) “Scholarship” means monetary stipend/ award at the rates as prescribed by Govt. from time to time, and includes Reader’s Allowance and conveyance allowance.

4. Applicability—The scheme shall apply to students,

- (i) pursuing primary education (Std. I to V).
- (ii) reading in middle & high schools (std. VI to X), not covered by Govt. of India Scholarship.
- (iii) reading in colleges/universities, not covered by Government of India Scholarship.
- (iv) reading in special schools registered under PWD, Act 1995, but not receiving grant-in-aid from State/ Central Govt.
- (v) pursuing distance education through recognized universities/Govt. institutes.
- (vi) pursuing technical/ vocational/ professional education in any of the recognized institute.

5. Eligibility—For the purpose of award of scholarship under the scheme, applications can be submitted subject to fulfilling the following conditions :—

- i. The applicant must be *bona fide* resident of Orissa.
- ii. The applicant should be a regular student of educational institution.
- iii. The parental/ family income of the applicant is not more than Rs.60,000 per annum.
- iv. The applicant is not receiving any financial assistance/stipend/scholarship from State Govt./ Central Govt. under any other scheme.
- v. The student will continue to get the scholarship if he enrolls and regularly attends any recognised institution irrespective of whether he has passed or not in a particular year.

6.(a) Rates of Scholarship—The rate/amount of this scholarship is as under:

Inside the State—

(i) Primary (Standard I to V)	Rs. 100.00
(ii) Middle and High School (Standard VI to VIII and IX to XI) (Not covered by the Government of India Scholarship)	Rs. 140.00
(iii) College (+2 & +3) (Not covered by the Government of India Scholarship)	Rs. 160.00
(iv) College (P.G.) (Not covered by the Government of India Scholarship)	Rs. 190.00
(v) Technical and vocational training (Not covered by Govt. of India Scholarship).	Rs. 190.00

Outside the State—

Students prosecuting normal course of study or technical/vocational / professional education/training not available in the State and not covered by Govt. of India Scholarship shall get Rs.250.00 per month.

(b) In case of visually challenged candidates, **Reader's Allowance** shall be paid at Rs.100 per month for primary classes and Rs.150 per month for middle and high school classes and Rs.200 per month for other studies, if it is certified by the head of the institution that the candidate has continuously employed a reader during the period of study, subject to the condition that such assistance is not availed of from Govt. of India.

(c) In case of orthopaedically handicapped student who has 75% or above disabilities requiring special arrangements for transport, an additional **monthly allowance of**

Rs.100 per month may be sanctioned for transport, if it is not covered by the scheme of integrated education.

7. Modus of allocation/sanction/disbursement of scholarship:

- (i) The District Social Welfare Officer will get adequate Nos. of application forms printed as per the format shown in **Annexure I** and supply the same to concerned Sub-Collectors/ Block Development Officers (BDOs) / head of schools/ colleges/ educational institutions in advance, so that there will be no dearth of application forms in their offices.
- (ii) The students desiring to avail scholarship will collect application forms, as shown in **Annexure I**, either from the head of school/ college/ educational institution or from the concerned Sub-Collector/ BDO, and submit the same after duly filling in to the head of institutions immediately after taking admission.

Sanctioning Authority

- (iii) In case of schools/educational institutions up to high school standard in rural areas, the concerned **Block Development Officer** is authorized to sanction scholarship. In case of schools/ educational institutions in Municipal/ NAC areas as well as colleges/higher educational institutions including professional/ technical/ vocational institutions in both rural and urban areas, the **Sub-Collector** is authorized to sanction the scholarship.

(iv) The head of the school/ college/ educational institution on receipt of such applications will verify the information given therein by the candidates with reference to records available, or otherwise, and recommend for sanction to concerned Sub-Collector / BDO in pursuance of Guideline 7(iii) above.

(v) On the receipt of all such recommended application, the concerned Sub-Collector will sanction the scholarship in respect of Municipality / NAC areas and concerned BDO in respect of rural areas as prescribed in the given format at **Annexure I**.

(vi) BDO/Sub-Collector, as the case may be, after sanctioning the scholarship, will place the requirement of funds to Collector/DSWO by 31st of August in the prescribed format at **Annexure II**.

(vii) After sanction of the scholarship amount, the BDO/ Sub-Collector / head of the institution will see that :–

- (a) bank account is opened even with zero balance in the name of the candidate in case the candidate is 18 years of age or above, or
- (b) a joint account in the name of the candidate himself and name of his father/ mother/ guardian in case the candidate is below 18 years.

(viii) The District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) will see that such requirement reach him/her by the given deadline.

- (ix) The DSWO will submit the Block & Subdivisionwise requirement to State Government by 15th of September.
- (x) After receipt of requirement from the DSWO, the State Government will release funds in first allotment to the Sub-Collectors/BDOs by the end of September. The State Government will release the balance funds in final phase by the end of January of the same financial year.

Mode of Payment

- (xi) BDO/Sub-collector shall deposit the sanctioned amount of scholarship in the bank account of the students in two instalments after necessary verification regarding their regular attendance from the head of the institute.
- (xii) After disbursement, the BDO/Sub-Collector will furnish Utilization Certificates (Utilisation Certificates) to DSWO. The DSWO will submit consolidated Utilisation Certificates to the Government.
- (xiii) The scholarship will be payable from the month of admission up to end of the academic session including the month of examination.
- (xiv) For continuing absence for a period not exceeding three months, the scholarship shall be paid in full, provided that the absence was on account of health ground.

8. Documents to accompany application—Each application shall be accompanied by the following documents:—

- (i) Disability Certificate issued by Medical Board
- (ii) Income Certificate issued by Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tahasildar or any other officer of equivalent status.
- (iii) Mark-sheets of last examination passed duly attested by a Gazetted Officer or the Head of the Institution concerned.

NOTE: Income Certificate is not required in case the student belongs to BPL family.

9. General :

- i. A change in the education institution will not entail loss/ discontinuance of the scholarship.
- ii. In case of any dispute regarding selection/ recommendation/ sanction/ rejection of application of scholarship, complaint can be file before the Collector, whose decision will be final.
- iii. Government in Women & Child Development Department reserves the right to amend the guidelines without notice. The Women & Child Development Department is competent to issue instructions with a view to removing any difficulty arising in the implementation of these guidelines and to relax the provisions of these guidelines at their discretion.

ORDER—Ordered that the Resolution be published in the *Orissa Gazette*.

By order of the Governor

DR. MONA SHARMA
Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt.

Annexure I

APPLICATION FORM
(BANISHREE – A Scheme of Scholarship for
Physically Challenged Students)

(To be filled in by the candidate)

For the year

- 1. Name in full**
(In Block letter)

- 2. Address**

Village/Ward P.S.

G.P.

Block/NAC/Municipality

District

- 3. Category of Disability** : OH/HH/VH/MR/CP
(Pl. Tick whichever is applicable) (✓)

- 4. Are you a citizen of India? (Pl. tick) (✓)** : Yes/No

- 5. Whether Scheduled Caste/Tribe/OBC/General** :
(Pl. Mention)

- 6. Male/Female (Pl. Mention)** :

- 7. Date of Birth (Pl. Mention)** :

- 8. Name and address of the father/mother /guardian**

- 9. (a) Relationship with the guardian (if applicable)** :
(b) Total monthly income of the parents / guardian :
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- 10. Nature of scholarship (Pl. tick) (✓)** : (fresh/renewal)

- 11. (a) Have you ever received Scholarship under any other scheme. (Pl. tick) (✓)** : Yes/No

(b) If Yes, indicates :

(i) Class in which you received the scholarship :

(ii) Period for which you received such scholarship :

12. Mention:

(a) Class for which I am applying for scholarship :

(b) Academic year of such class :

(c) Date on which you got admission :

13. (a) If you are visually challenged students, indicate : Yes/No
if you have engaged a reader? (*Pl. tick*) (✓)

(b) If you are Orthopaedically handicapped students :
being 75% and above disability indicate the
mode of transport.

14. **Document attached :**

(i) Income Certificate /copy of BPL Card (*Pl. tick*) (✓) : Yes/No

(ii) Disability Certificate (*Pl. tick*) (✓) : Yes/No

(iii) Mark-sheet of last Exam. passed. (*Pl. tick*) (✓) : Yes/No

I declare that I have not received (not receiving) any other financial assistance from State/ Central Govt.

Signature of the students

Date

Place

(To be filled in by Head of Schools/Colleges/Educational Institutions)

I certify that :

- The information furnished by the candidate (name
.....) have been verified & found correct.
- The school/institutions in which the candidate is studying is
Government/recognized private school/institutions (*Please tick*) (✓) whichever is
applicable.
- The application is **recommended**.

Signature of Head of the School/Institution

Name
(in block)

Address

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Date Place.....

(To be filled in by Sanctioning Authority)

I have verified the informations as furnished by head of the school/institution. I hereby
sanction Rstowards scholarship and Rs.towards
Reader's allowance/mobility support, thus totaling to Rs.
Sanction order No. / Dt.

**Signature with seal of
BDO/Sub-Collector**

Annexure II
Requirement of funds for Scholarship

Institution/Classes	No. of students	Amount required	Remarks
1. Primary (class I to V)			
2. Middle & High School (class VI to X)			
3. College/Universities			
4. Technical/Vocational/ Professional Institutions.			
5. Institutions (outside State)			
6. Readers allowance			
7. Conveyance allowance			
Total			